IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln of: BERGANO, Neal S. Atty. Docket: Bergano 20C3/TCM137C2

Title: SYNCHRONOUS AMPLITUDE MODULATION FOR IMPROVED

PERFORMANCE OF OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS

Serial No.: 10/689,484 Art Unit: 2633

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Sir:

AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.111

This is in response to the non-final office action mailed June 15, 2006. A petition for a two-month extension of time is enclosed, along with the associated fee, to extend the shortened statutory period for response from September 15, 2006 to November 15, 2006. Applicant believes that no other extension of time is required. However, Applicant conditionally petitions for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.